Revelation

Chapter 20 Verses 11-15

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Introduction

- The Revelation to John
 - A prophetic writing with features of a letter and of the form of literature called Apocalyptic
 - Written by John to Christians during the second half of the First Century
 - Placed at the end of the New Testament because of its concern with the "end times."
 - Tonight we will finish Chapter 20 and look forward to the conclusion of this study and what lies beyond.

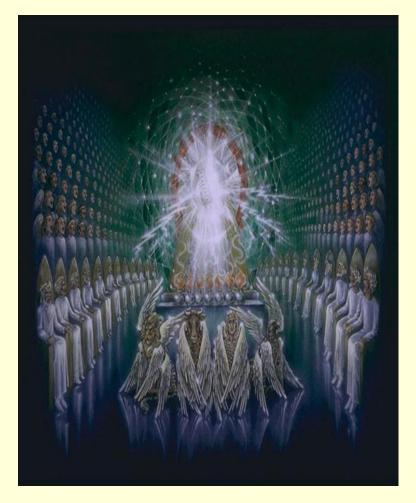


- Introduction (1:1-8)
- First Vision (1:9-20)
- 7 Letters (Chapters 2 & 3)



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 Heavenly Throne Room (Chapters 4 & 5)









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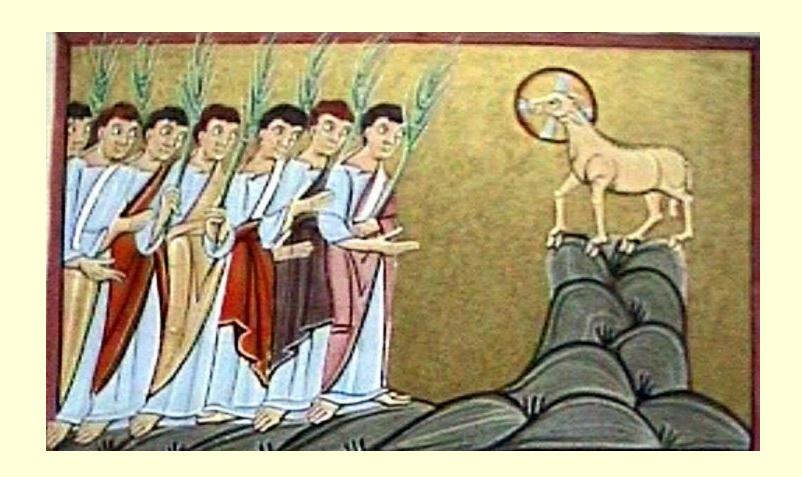


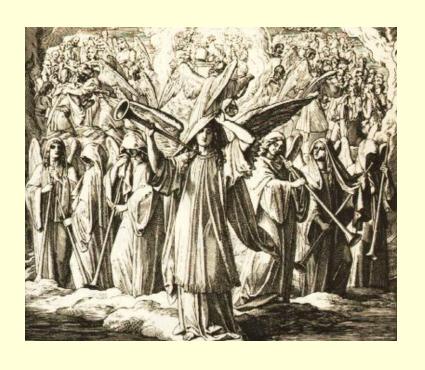
- The First Six Seals (Chapter 6)
 - The 4 Horsemen
 - Souls of Martyrs
 - Vision of the End

Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

--- Revelation 6:15-17

 The Servants of God (Chapter 7)





Chapter 8

- The 7th Seal
- Silence in Heaven
- Prayers of the Saints
- The First 4 Trumpets
- Announcement of the 3 Woes

Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!" (Revelation 8:113)

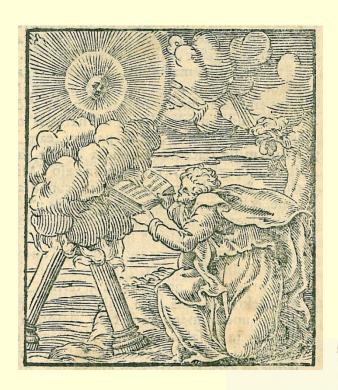




 The First Two Woes (Chapter 9)







Interlude

- Mighty Angel With A Little Book (Chapter 10)
- Measuring the Temple
 (Chapter 11, Verses 1-2)
- The Two Witnesses(Chapter 11, Verses 3-13)

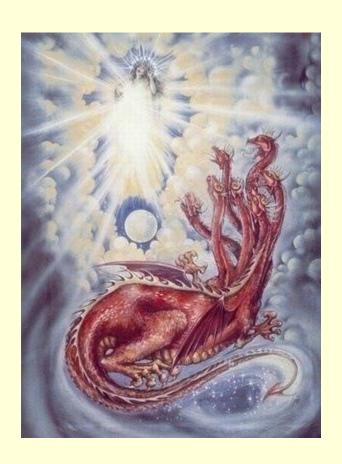




 The Seventh Trumpet (Chapter 11, Verses 14-19)



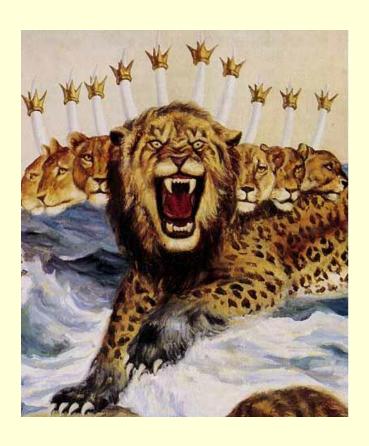
Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." (11:15)



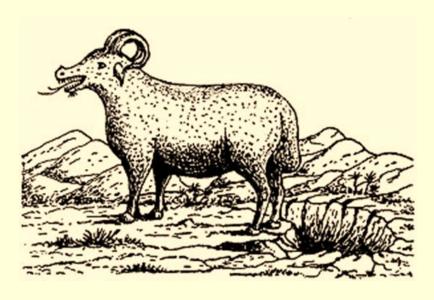
The Woman, Her Son and The Dragon (Chapter 12)

Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

--- Revelation 12:17a



 The Two Beasts (Chapter 13)

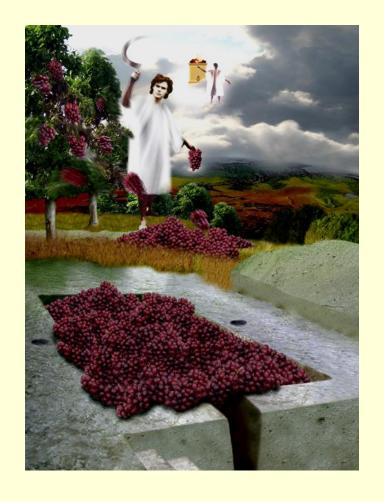






 The Harvest (Chapter 14, Verses 14-20)





God's Wrath Poured Out (Chapters 15 and 16)



 The Great Prostitute, the Beast, the Fall of Babylon (Chapters 17 and 18)





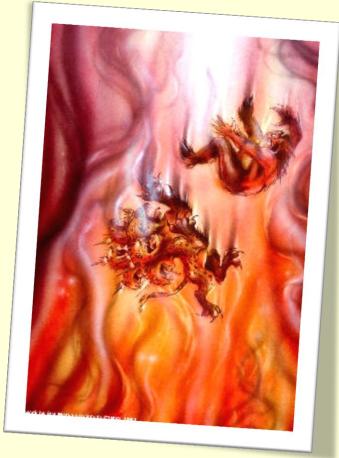
 The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Chapter 19)





 Christ Victorious; Beast & False Prophet Cast Down (Chapter 19)





- At the beginning of Chapter 20, what remains to be seen is:
 - What will happen to Satan
 - What will happen to men, in particular:
 - Those who were corrupted by Satan.
 - Those who belong to Christ

- In the first 10 verses of Chapter 20, we discover (among other things) what will finally happen to Satan:
 - He will be "thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever." (v. 10)

- We discover that just before he is thrown forever into the lake of fire and sulfur, Satan will lead a final revolt of men against God and these men will be killed. (vv. 8,9)
 - We have not yet been told what will happen to these men eternally.
 - So far we know only that they will die.

- Before this revolt by men against God, led by Satan, we discovered (v. 7) that Satan was imprisoned for a "thousand years."
 - This "thousand years" is often referred to as The Millennium.
 - John probably understood this to be a period in human history which had not yet begun.
 - There are various other opinions among Christians regarding the Millennium.

- John understood that during The Millennium Christ would reign with certain men who suffered and died for the cause of Christ and who had been raised from the dead.
 - It is uncertain (perhaps even to John) how and where these men reign with Christ; but, it must be glorious!
- The "rest of the dead" would be raised after the Millennium.

- A temporary binding of Satan and the Millennial rule of risen martyrs before the final kingdom, as seen in the first ten verses of Chapter 20, do not appear elsewhere in the Bible.
- It is therefore difficult to clarify these things much beyond what has already been said.

- The remainder of Chapter 20 (tonight's lesson) has broad support elsewhere in both Old and New Testament Scripture.
- Before we read on, are there any questions concerning what we have covered to this point?

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- 13. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.
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- As for men, all who live must die, except those still alive when the end comes, but their life ends by other means, because there is no place for it.

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- That is where the vision takes John next.

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- However the fate of everyone who stands before God is not the same.

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- John understands that the books which he saw at first did not include this other book which he now sees and understands to be the "book of life."
- From this I infer that our fate is not merely a question of life or death, heaven or hell, but that our eternal reward is uniquely determined by what is written in the books.

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- This means that everything we do in this life, and everything we do not do, has eternal consequences!

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- Does this mean we are saved by works?
 - No, we are saved <u>for</u> works.

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- Like Satan and Sin, Death and Hades have no place in the new creation.

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- Together with the Beast, False Prophet, Satan, Death, Hades, and Sin ---- all of the things which God opposes, because they oppose God--- are thrown men and women whose names are not found written in the book of life.
- In the new creation, which John is about to be shown, is nothing which ever opposes God.

Discussion

- Are there any questions or comments regarding the first 20 Chapters?
- I suppose we will finish our study of Revelation within the next two weeks.
- Let's discuss what we will do after that.
 - Final Results of First Survey
 - Results of Second Survey
 - Tentative Conclusion

Tentative Conclusion

- Next study will be the Gospel and Letters of John.
- Same approach as now but with:
 - more discussion and life application
 - Improved use of video & internet
 - added fellowship opportunities